technocrats going abroad hence exact figures are not available.

**Special telephones for the deaf**

1057. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report that appeared in the Economic Times of 12th October, 1986 to the effect that special telephones to help that deaf are in use in most of the developed countries; and

(b) what is the number of such telephones installed by the telephone department in the country so far, giving State-wise break up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The types described in the Economic Times report in part (a) are not installed by the telephone department.

**Countries covered by International speed post service**

1058. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the countries covered bp International speed post service; and

(b) what are the names of the countries likely to be covered by this service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): The countries with which India has International Speed Post Service are U.K., U.S.A., Federal Republic of Germany, Japan and Hong Kong.

(b) Several countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Oman, Netherlands, Guyana and Dubai etc., to name a few among them, have written to us seeking introduction of International Speed Post Service. This service between two countries is established on the basis of bilateral agreements. The question of introducing the international speed post service to cover more coustries is being examined.

**Increase in suicide cases in Delhi**

1059. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of suicides are increasing in Delhi and also in other parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the number of reported suicide cases. State-wise during the last three years;

(c) whether any analysis has been made by sociologists/psychologists in the matter, if so, what are the details thereof and corrective steps taken/proposed in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to encourage voluntary organisations including Sanjeevani engaged in the task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, there is a slight increase of suicide cases in Delhi. The requisite figures for various States and U.Ts are indicated in the statement attached. The percentage of variation is also indicated in the statement. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 42].

(c) The Bureau of Police Research and Development had undertaken a study in 1980 of incidence of suicides in Delhi. Prolonged illness, unemployment, quarrel with parents, mental illness, quarrel with parents-in-law/spouse are some of the major reasons for committing suicide.